

GERMANY PROPOSES PEACE!

BRITISH WAR LORD WILL WED FORMER BELLE OF DECATUR

Earl Curzon's Engagement to Mrs. Duggan Nee
Miss Hinds is Formally Announced

GROOM IS MEMBER OF NEW WAR COUNCIL

Bride Was Born in Old McIntire Residence and
Grew to Young Ladyhood Before Claimed
By South America

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL ASK PEACE CONVENTION FOR WAR SETTLEMENT

OFFICIALS CONFIDENT ACTION OF
EXECUTIVE WILL ACCOMP-
LISH RESULTS.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE

WILL BE PRESENTED TO WAR-
RING NATIONS BY UNITED
STATES DIPLOMATS.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—The state department's first move for peace will be presented to the entente allies by administration diplomats, accompanied by an informal expression of the desire of the United States that the allies enter into peace negotiations. President Wilson, it was learned this afternoon, will ask the allies to make every effort to have a peace convention result from the initial negotiations. Advance information received from Secretary Grew, of the American embassy at Berlin, that Germany and her allies would today begin formal negotiations for peace, which was received by the president late yesterday, resulted in the decision.

Preparations for the formal steps to be taken by this government were being made here this afternoon. They will not be concluded until after receipt from Secretary Grew of the official copy of the central powers' outline for peace.

The note, it was learned from officials has already been handed to Secretary Grew and was started for Washington this morning.

Department officials this afternoon were confident that the proposals would result in a convention, probably of a semi-formal status, of representatives of the warring powers to determine whether there is a possibility for reaching a basis for peace should a formal convention be held. German Ambassador Von Bernstorff and Charge d'Affaires Zwiernick of Austria, this afternoon began preparing complete statements of the intentions of their governments for presentation to Secretary Lansing and President Wilson.

Cook Auction Sale Will Open Friday

In order that radical changes may be made in the lines at present handled, Cook Brothers Furniture Company today announces an auction sale to begin Friday, December 15, and continue for seven selling days. T. W. Anderson, an expert auctioneer, has been secured for the occasion. The auctions will be held in the afternoons from 1:30 to 5:30 o'clock, and in the evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Private sales will be held in the forenoon from 8 to 11:30 o'clock. Prospective buyers would do well to wait for this sale.

From Decatur to London is a long jump. But it is not so far as from good social station in an American municipality to wife of one of the five members of the new British war council, the consort of the man who as viceroy of India maintained a court that rivalled in splendor that of the potentates of the luxurious east. Yet the chasm has been bridged. Press reports of recent date contained this announcement:

London, Dec. 10.—The engagement is announced of Earl Curzon of Kedleston, former viceroy of India, and Mrs. G. Elvina Duggan, widow of Alfred Duggan, of Buenos Aires. Mrs. Duggan is the oldest daughter of the late J. Monroe Hinds, formerly American minister to Argentina. Earl Curzon is a widower. In 1894 he married Mary Victoria, daughter of the late Levi Leiter of Chicago and Washington. Lady Curzon died in 1906. Three daughters were born of this union.

Local interest in this announcement hinges in the fact that the bride-elect of the British war lord was born in Decatur, lived here during the early years of her life, and has relatives now making their home within earshot of the placid Tennessee.

For Mrs. G. Elvina Duggan was christened Gracie Hinds, and her father was J. Monroe Hinds, former United States marshal and former United States minister to Argentina. Mr. Hinds for many years made his home in Morgan county, residing in the McIntire residence in Decatur, a handsome structure of colonial design which still remains an ornament to the city.

J. Monroe Hinds, a man of marked ability, won such distinction in political circles that he received the appointment as minister to Argentina. When he returned home he brought with him his bride, a wealthy and talented resident of Buenos Aires, and they settled down for a long life of married felicity. Three children were the pledges of their affection—Gracie, Albert and Dottie. Gracie was born in Decatur and made that city her home until she was nearly fifteen years of age. She is remembered by her class mates as an unusually attractive and gifted child, tall and graceful, of Spanish type, gracious and popular. She later married Alfred Duggan, of Buenos Aires, and returned to the South American country to live. There Mr. Duggan died. His widow is now on the high seas en route to London, where she will arrive on December 20, and shortly thereafter will become the wife of one of the world's foremost statesmen and diplomats.

Mrs. J. A. Cullom, of Nashville, formerly Miss Nona Grubbs, who is now here visiting relatives, Mrs. Vera Austell, Miss Mildred Banks, Mrs. Ada Young and others, were class mates of the next Lady Curzon. Two brothers of J. Monroe Hinds—John B. Hinds, former postmaster of Decatur, and Jerome Hinds—also made their home here. Mrs. Frank Hinds and two children, Elmer Hinds and Miss Lillie Hinds, live here to this good day. They are first and second cousins respectively of the prospective Lady Curzon.

Lord Curzon's first wife, Miss Mary Victoria Leiter, was the daughter of

CENTRAL POWERS READY TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS TO END GREAT WAR

SAVING THE MACEDONIANS FROM STARVATION



Famine prevails in northern Macedonia, and the Greeks are being fed by the French military kitchens. The photograph shows a group of poor children waiting around one of the kitchens for a meal.

GERMANY WAGES BIG SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN; SIX DEATHS REPORTED

GREATEST UNDER SEA EFFORT IN
THE HISTORY OF THE
WORLD.

ALLIED SHIPPING RAVAGED

CONCERTED MOVE BY U-BOATS IN
ALL DIRECTIONS HAS ALARM-
ED ENEMY.

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 12.—Six deaths are reported in connection with the latest merchant ships sunk by mines and submarines.

A dispatch from Havre states that two members of the crew of the French steamer Saint Philippe were killed while the vessel was being shelled by a submarine. Four members of the crew of the Danish steamer Aora are missing. Other victims were the British ship Strathalbyn, the Greek vessel Grigoris and the Danish steamer Mora.

The German allies are carrying on the most ambitious submarine warfare ever known in the world's history. Underwater craft are operating off the southern, western and northern coast of Europe. They are ravaging allied shipping from the White sea through the Arctic, the North sea, the Baltic, the English channel, the Atlantic, the Strait of Gibraltar, the Mediterranean, the Indian, Adriatic, Aegean and Black seas.

CONSTANTINE ESTABLISHES
WIRELESS TO BERLIN.

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 12.—Significance is attached today to the news from Salonika that King Constantine has established wireless communication with Berlin. The peril in Greece stands out today blacker than at any previous time. This was the date set, according to earlier advices, for the presentation of a new ultimatum to the Greek government by the allies which would remove the menace which the newly mobilized Greek army holds for the flank of the allied force in Macedonia. One of the clauses calls for the complete disarmament of the Greek forces.

W. J. Bryan Makes City Short Visit

William Jennings Bryan was the guest of the Twin Cities for a short time this afternoon.

Mr. Bryan drove over from Huntsville this afternoon after delivering his lecture "The Making of a Man," there this morning to an audience of 2,000. He came in an automobile and left for Birmingham on the 4 o'clock L. & N. train. Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased to be back in Alabama again.

Upon his arrival this afternoon Mr. Bryan made a short talk at the Decatur high school.

CHANGE IN FRENCH CABINET IS SLATED FOR WEDNESDAY

DISSENTIONS ARISE EARLY IN
NEW BRITISH CABINET. RE-
PORTS SAY.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Reorganization of the French government has been effected, Premier Briand announced today.

He stated that the organized cabinet probably would make its first appearance tomorrow. The personnel will be published in the official journal tomorrow.

NEW GOVERNORS OF
ENGLAND APPEAR PUBLICLY

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 12.—Members of the new government of England made their first appearance in parliament today. It was expected however that today's discussion of both houses would be brief and formal and that the declarations of policy to be delivered in commons by Premier Lloyd George or Chancellor A. Bonar Law and in the upper chamber by Lord Curzon would be postponed until Thursday.

Another vote of confidence is to be moved in commons on Thursday and under a recent ruling such a motion opens all the doors of debate.

It was announced today that Premier Lloyd George is better. It is beginning to be plain, as strong as the new government is, it is not going to receive the unanimous support of the public, as the powerful Northcliffe papers have begun to deliver vicious attacks upon Foreign Secretary Balfour and Minister of Blockade Lord Cecil.

THE ALBANY COUNCIL DECIDES TO PROBE SANITARY STATUS OF DRY CREEK

PROBATE JUDGE SKEGGS ASKS
CITY TO CO-OPERATE WITH
COMMISSIONERS.

MAY BUY NEW FIRE ENGINE

TREASURER BLOODWORTH IS PUT
ON MONTHLY SALARY
OF \$15.

Probate Judge William E. Skeggs appeared before the city council of Albany at the regular meeting last night and asked for co-operation by the city in the effort the county commissioners are making to clean up Dry Creek.

Judge Skeggs told of the unsanitary condition of the creek that drains a large part of Decatur and Albany. A letter from Dr. F. L. Cuenault of the Morgan County Medical Society, condemning the creek as unsanitary was also read.

The council agreed that the city should co-operate with the county in deepening the channel of the stream. The matter was referred to the mayor and finance committee with instructions to investigate.

May Purchase Fire Engine.

The possibility of the city of Albany purchasing a modern fire engine was also presented when W. B. Stewart of Atlanta, representing the American-La France Fire Engine Co., discussed with the council the merits of the American-La France engine. He said such an engine could be bought for \$5,500 and the city could buy it and pay nothing for one year. The council discussed the purchase but referred the matter to the mayor and finance committee.

Treasurer Bloodworth on Salary.

The council decided to pay a salary of \$15 per month to City Treasurer Fred Bloodworth. It was stated that Mr. Bloodworth has served the city for the past four years without compensation, although the position formerly paid \$25 per month. A resolution paying the treasurer \$15 per month was unanimously adopted. Mr. Bloodworth's services to the city in the capacity of treasurer are considered valuable, and he gives much to the business of the city.

Sixty citizens of Ninth street, south, presented a petition asking that the street be oiled to keep down the dust. This was referred to the street committee.

Imperial Chancellor Serves Formal Notice on
Representatives of United States, Spain
and Switzerland

WENT DIRECT TO THE ENTENTE POWERS

President Wilson Advised Officially of Kaiser's
Readiness to Consider Plans For Cessation
Hostilities

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES FINAL DECISION

British Premier, as Dictator of England, Must
Shoulder Responsibility For Position to be
Taken by Allied Governments

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—today took the first decisive step to bring to an end the greatest and bloodiest war in the history of the world. Direct appeal was made to entente powers for a peace conference through the United States, Spain, Switzerland and the Vatican.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg, in the crowded Reichstag, amidst breathless silence declared that the German allies, conscious of their responsibility before God and mankind, had proposed to the entente powers to enter into peace negotiations forthwith.

Practically all the members of the Reichstag had answered the unexpected summons to the capital. The crowded house and thronged galleries listened in deep silence when the chancellor arose for his speech.

First he outlined the extraordinary political situation, then dwelt upon the achievements of the central powers; then he made the announcement which may act as the turning point in the war, which for more than two years has held the world under its spell.

(International News Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany is willing to make peace.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg today notified the diplomatic envoys of the United States, Spain and Switzerland that the four nations making up the German allies—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria—propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia have given similar notification.

The willingness of the German allies to enter into peace negotiations immediately have also been transmitted to the Holy See at Rome.

The special meeting of the Reichstag today was called for the purpose of hearing the chancellor's peace proposal.

The following was given out through the semi-official Overseas News Agency: "The chancellor this morning received one after the other the representatives of the United States, of Spain and of Switzerland. These are the countries that are protecting German interests in hostile nations. The chancellor submitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note will be read today in the Reichstag by the chancellor. In the note the four skilled powers—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria—propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations. The propositions which are brought forward for consideration are, according to the firm belief of the allied governments of the central powers, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace. The note has also been communicated to the Holy See and other neutral powers."

SECRETARY LANSING HAD NO ADVANCE INFORMATION.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary Lansing when told of the German peace overtures said he had no information on Von Bethmann-Holweg's statement whatever.

WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT PREMIER LLOYD
GEORGE WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY AS TO PEACE

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—News of the German peace proposal created a profound impression here, but in official circles there was the utmost reluctance to discuss Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg's proffer until all the information laid before the neutral envoys at Berlin is at hand.

It was agreed on all sides that the veto power that means peace or war rests entirely with Great Britain. The success or failure of the move, accordingly, is in the hands of the new premier, Lloyd George, now recognized as practically England's dictator.

There was a general disposition to regard the peace statement of the German chancellor as an exceedingly shrewd step, even though the terms laid down prove unacceptable to the entente allies, it being pointed out that it would at least enlist widespread sympathy in neutral countries.

Unofficial intimation that Germany planned a peace move reached the White House in advance of the Berlin announcement. It was learned from the information in possession of administration officials, it is understood that the purpose of the German allies is to bring representatives of the warring governments to at least informal discussion of some basis of peace.

THREE POINTS IN GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSAL.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—The German embassy announced today that the following are the main points in Germany's peace proposals:

1. That Poland and Lithuania be recognized as independent kingdoms.
2. That Germany restore Belgium and northern France.
3. That the fate of the Balkan states be settled in a general peace conference.

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MUSCLE SHOALS, MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

The location of the twenty-million-dollar government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee river is almost accomplished. There is a belief current in Washington now, which seems to be based on authoritative information from official sources, that President Wilson will carry out the provisions of the recently enacted congressional legislation, and fix the location of the plant at Muscle Shoals.

There is now a group of local men anxious for the development of the Shoals working here for more funds to aid the project.

These men should have the co-operation of men and women in all lines of endeavor in Albany and Decatur and Morgan county. Money is urgently needed to finish the publicity campaign that has been waged for the past several months to bring Muscle Shoals to the general attention of the people and the president. We were informed by Postmaster Crawford of Decatur, who returned Monday morning from Washington, that approximately only \$15,000 more is needed for this work. President Hall of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, wrote last week that \$3,000 was needed at that time for postage alone. So it is very evident that the need is great.

Decatur and Albany have contributed before to the Muscle Shoals development project, but, with all due regard to what has been done, we do not believe that these cities have given what they should give, in view of the tremendous advantages to accrue to North Alabama when the plant is located.

Let us all make one more effort to raise funds for the Shoals. Every dollar we give will come back to us twenty times and more.

DRY CREEK, A MENACE TO THE CITIES' HEALTH.

The Morgan County Medical Society, the Morgan county commissioners court and the city councils of Decatur and Albany are acting wisely in taking steps for the draining of Dry creek. The channel of the stream should be straightened and deepened, so that its daily output of city sewerage and other matter can flow uninterruptedly into the Tennessee river.

Dry creek is the natural drainage basin of a large part of Decatur and Albany. It carries off the waste from a number of private sewers and during a rainy season it carries off the surplus rainfall. Unless its waters are increased by a rain its basin is only partially filled with slowly moving, stagnant water. The channel should be deepened so the water may move off swiftly to the river.

The Daily has no data available as to whether the stream has been a breeder of disease, but this assumption seems more than likely to be correct. Malaria and other such diseases are bred by such poor drainage systems as Dry creek.

The legislative bodies of the cities and county should have the co-operation of citizens in their effort to make the stream more sanitary. The health of the community is its most precious possession and preventable diseases are being relegated to the limbo of the dark ages in these days of modern scientific sanitation.

MR. BRYAN'S RETURNING POPULARITY WITH PEOPLE.

There are fresh evidences every day that William Jennings Bryan is regaining much of that popularity with the American people that he at one time enjoyed, and part of which he lost at the time of his resignation as secretary of state in the Wilson cabinet.

In relinquishing his cabinet portfolio, Mr. Bryan gave the public the impression that he had acted hastily. It appeared on the surface that he had clashed with Mr. Wilson and having failed to impress the president with the correctness of his views, had severed his connection with the administration in a huff. Later events have shown that Mr. Bryan is still one of Wilson's strongest supporters. They have also indicated that the nation's executive is on the most cordial terms with the president. Thus we are left to conclude that Mr. Bryan and President Wilson had the most

perfect understanding regarding the break in their relations.

Since the election, in which Mr. Bryan assured Wilson's winning by his loyal support, the Commoner has pledged himself to the cause of national prohibition. He has also announced other policies that he will advocate, his platform being one that appeals to the best that there is in men. With nearly four years of time in which to wage his propaganda, and with the wonderful mental and physical equipment that he has, there is no doubt but that he will add many converts to the cause. This, with his present strength, will make him again a formidable contender for the presidency. That he is once more to try for this goal of his ambition is patent; his chances of success are bright.

On his recent tour through the South, Mr. Bryan has proved a greater drawing card than ever before. Over in Huntsville the stores were closed and a larger auditorium secured in order that a great number might hear his lecture. This outpouring was due to the stand that he took in the late presidential campaign; it was a tribute more to his loyalty than to his oratory, peerless though that is. It will be the same throughout the nation. W. J. B. has "come back."

The Daily has just received a copy of the Christmas edition of the Cullman Tribune. It has sixteen bright, snappy pages, and is one of the liveliest weeklies coming to our exchange desk. The Tribune is well patronized by the Cullman merchants, as it should be.

A shoe trade journal informs us that men's shoes are likely to go to \$12 to \$15 per pair, while women's shoes will be selling at \$30 within the next six months. We are going to investigate the merits of going barefooted.

And now comes the annual gift wrapping season.

We move the government drop all its other probes and go after the high cost of living.

BRITISH WAR LORD 16 INDICTMENTS FORMAL OPENING WILL WED FORMER ARE RETURNED BY THOMPSON DRUG THE GRAND JURY STORE TOMORROW IN NEW BUILDING

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Lavi Letter of Chicago, and a sister of Joe Letter, whose corner of the wheat market some years ago was the sensation of the day in financial circles.

As viceroy of England Lord Curzon came into international notice, and his name is one that is almost as widely known in America as in England. He has always been regarded as the friend of the United States. His selection as one of the five members of the war council chosen by Premier Lloyd George, every one of whom was honored because of pronounced ability, is the highest tribute that England could pay to its distinguished son.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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Henry Johnson to Miss Myrla Russell.
Jesse L. Prentice to Miss Ethel McCutcheon.

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INQUISITORIAL BODY FAILS TO INDICT THOSE WHO PLAY CARDS FOR PRIZES.

Sixteen indictments were returned by the grand jury of the Morgan county law and equity court which adjourned yesterday afternoon after being in session a few hours.

Only six of these indictments had been served this morning. The defendants being in jail. Those served today were as follows:

William Russell murder.
Herman Brown, carnal knowledge.
Oscar Bragg, burglary.
T. L. Tunstall, abusive language.
Felix Taylor, carnal knowledge.
Will Tuckett, grand larceny.

Quite a good deal of interest centered locally in the December session of the grand jury, as this was the jury that threatened last month to indict those who play all kinds of card games for prizes. It was understood this morning that no indictments of this nature were returned.

The most important case disposed of by the grand jury was that of William Russell, of Woodland Mills, who was indicted for the murder of his young wife last Thanksgiving day. Russell is thought to be insane.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX.

John R. Fuller, Deceased, Estate of. Probate Court, Morgan County.

Letters testamentary under the last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of November, 1916, by the Hon. Wm. E. Skeggs, Judge of the Probate Court of Morgan County, notice is hereby given, that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by the law, or that the same will be barred.

MAGGIE STUART, Executrix.

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WILL BE EVENT IN DRUG CIRCLES AND ALSO IN BUSINESS LIFE PROPRIETOR.

FIXTURES VERY HANDSOME

STORE IS ONE OF THE MOST MODERN TO BE FOUND IN ENTIRE SOUTH.

The formal opening of S. M. Thompson's new drug store, Second avenue and Grant street, which takes place tomorrow, will be an event in local drug circles, as well as in the business life of the popular druggist. For twenty years Mr. Thompson has been engaged in the sale of drugs, one decade of that period being spent in business here, and his continued climb of the ladder of success has been a source of genuine pleasure to his friends. Mr. Thompson, a modest gentleman, will say that hard work did it; and there is no doubt but that this has been the case, for there are but few men who stick to duty with an equal fidelity, and few that work so hard. Aside from this, however, Mr. Thompson has unusual capacity, both as a business man and pharmacist, and has had an experience as a druggist that in itself is invaluable.

Mr. Thompson is the sole owner of the business and this city may take great pride in this handsome place of business. It will stand as a monument of business enterprise and attention, the result of his carrying into effect his life-long motto: "Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

Unusually Handsome.

The new store is one of the handsomest in the South. It was especially designed for a pharmacy, both in exterior and interior arrangement, and no expense was spared in the purchase of equipment. It is fitted with mahogany throughout, has tiled floors, cozy corners, handsome show cases, a modern sanitary fount, wonderful mirrors and unusual facilities for serving the public in every way. Splendid lighting effects are obtained through the use of art and prismatic glass, while the ventilation borders on the perfect. Steam heat and hot water are among the additions, giving facility for sterilizing all glassware and silver with which the public is served at the fount, thus further safeguarding the health of patrons. A marquet, the first in Albany, gives to the store the finishing touch of metropolitanism, for which it is distinguished.

The basement of the store is systematically arranged for reserve stocks, and a sanitary ice cream factory will be installed here in season. "Pure Ice Cream, as well as Drugs" is the motto at Thompson's. The Thompson fount has long since established the merits of the wares that it dispenses.

The big line of toilet articles carried by the store consists of all that Milady demands, the assortment of patent medicines is complete and the line of sundries inexhaustible.

Prescription Department.

The prescription department is the special pride of the owner and in spite of the scarcity of foreign chemicals, this department is full of the best and purest. Here Mr. Thompson has surrounded himself with two first class graduate pharmacists, Ira Diamater, of Atlanta, and T. A. Caddell, of Tusculum, who are men of wide experience and thoroughly competent. Mr. Thompson is himself an expert prescriber. Only the purest of drugs are used and when a prescription is filled at Thompson's the public knows it has been filled correctly. Promptness and accuracy has always been observed at Thompson's drug store and with increased facilities the reputation will be maintained with its rapidly increasing trade.

Of recent years the tendency of Albany has been toward metropolitanism. Every new building has a touch of the up-to-date that makes it compare favorably with the domiciles of competing concerns in the larger cities. The new Thompson store will, for this reason alone, be one in which the local public will take especial pride, for it is an ornament to the city as well as the home of pure drugs.

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We have our usual strong line of Onyx Hosiery. Not a cent advance in the price for the remainder of this year. They are worth from 25% to 50% more today and no more can be had from the mills now at any price. You would do well to use good judgment in your selections while you can get them.

Underwear

Possibly there is no line of merchandise on the market that is as scarce and high as Underwear. Early last Spring we placed a large order for "Athenia" Underwear for Ladies, Misses and Children. We did not and cannot get all we bought, but we are in reasonably good shape to fill your wants at old prices. Next year they will cost you nearly double. Buy them while you can.

Ladies Linen Handkerchiefs

By buying our handkerchiefs nearly twelve months ago, we were able to procure one of the strongest lines of beautiful dainty designs of pure Linen at prices as cheap as they were ever sold, not a penny advance on a single handkerchief, but in the future—well that is another story.

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SOCIETY

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THE OLD, OLD STORY.

He was one of the fellows
Who could drink or leave it alone,
With a fine high scorn for common men
Who were born with no back-bone,
"And why," said he, "should a man
Of strength
Deny to himself the use
Of the pleasant gift of the warm, red wine
Because of its weak abuse!"

He would quote at a banquet,
With a manner half divine,
Full fifty things the poet says
About the rosy wine;
He would sing a spirited song
About the lips of a lass,
And drink a toast to the beautiful youth
In a sparkling, generous glass.

And since this lordly fellow
Could drink or leave it alone,
He chose to drink at his own sweet will
Till his will was overthrown.
The lips of the lass are cold with grief,
And her children shiver and shrink,
For the man who once could leave it alone
Is the pitiful slave to drink.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Mission Study class of the First Methodist church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. D. D. McGhee as leader. After an interesting lesson a short business session was held, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Geo. D. Williamson; first vice president, Mrs. W. A. Brown, second vice president, Mrs. F. H. Pointer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. W. Callahan; recording secretary, Mrs. Philip Humphrey; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Roper; local treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Hendrix; superintendent publicity and mission study, Mrs. W. E. Morris; superintendent social service, Mrs. J. W. Holland; superintendent supplies, Mrs. Z. Trimble; agent for the Voice, Mrs. Irene Hewlett.

Mrs. G. A. Stuck, of Selma, is the guest of her nephew, F. W. Foster, on Ferry street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Humphrey have purchased the C. J. Curry residence on Johnson street, and will move there at an early date.

Miss Julia Neville was the guest of Mrs. Walter Rauschenburg for "The Serenade."

Mrs. Sam Lile who visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tidwell, returned to Lynchburg, Va., Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Hill, of Mooresville, is the guest of Miss Fannie Johnson.

Miss Theo Warten, of Athens, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. La Fils.

Miss Annie Watson has returned from Pensacola, Fla.

Misses Rochelle and Agnes McConnell and Lula Pritchett returned this morning to Cullman, after visiting Mrs. W. P. Duke.

Mrs. John Lewis left yesterday for Springfield, Ill., after visiting Mrs. W. R. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Silas Van, accompanied by Mrs. Perley, of Huntsville, witnessed the performance of "The Serenade" last evening.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Wednesday,
Married Ladies' Bridge—Mrs. W. K. McNeill.

Berean Club—Mrs. E. L. Grau.
Cotaco Literary—Mrs. Felix Robertson.

Thursday.

U. D. C.—Mrs. Cassell.

Friday.

Auction Bridge—

Saturday.

Silk Stocking—

Saturday club—

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

At the lecture room of the Central M. E. church the Woman's Missionary society assembled Monday afternoon to enjoy the Bible study, led by Miss Groenendyke. After the program plans were made to celebrate December 18 as "Harvest Day." A splendid program is being arranged, and every member of the society is expected to participate in some way. Attendance of all is urged.

AUCTION BRIDGE.

Mrs. John Knight will entertain the Auction Bridge club Friday.

PERSONALS

L. T. Derner, of Dallas, Texas, was a visitor here today.

Emory McConnell, of Gullman, has accepted a position with Duke Wholesale Company of Decatur.

Ed Dowd, a prominent resident of Tanner, is at Benevolent hospital.

Speake & Echols to Begin Business Jan. 1

New Partnership of Bank Street Merchants Launches Out.

The firm of Speake & Echols will begin business Jan. 1 on Bank street, the firm being a partnership between Jas. L. Echols, pioneer Bank street merchant, and H. R. Speake. Mr. Speake has been in the employ of Mr. Echols for the past two years.

The new firm will have as its slogan the words: "The House Quality Built." This slogan was suggested by Mrs. Rufus Pearson of Decatur and she will be awarded the prize of \$1 offered by the new firm recently for a slogan. If she will call at the store she will be given the dollar award. Thanks were expressed today to all competitors in the slogan contest.

Business firms and individuals should not neglect the holiday courtesies. Engraved Christmas cards, a handsome line, now on display at the Daily office. Order early.

Old Papers for Sale at Daily office.

Catarhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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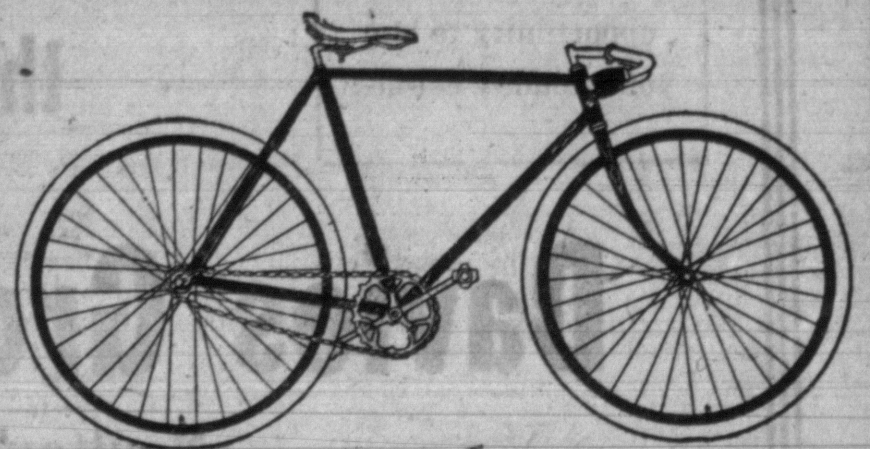
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BOOK BY HARRY BLOSSOM—MUSIC BY VICTOR HERBERT

Wednesday Dec. 13th.

The All-Star Cast Includes:

Grace Kennicott, Arthur Burckley, Esther Jarrett, Tom Burton, Helen Barnett Ford, Ellen Crane, John Chandler, Lydia Crane, Ernest Woods, Meade Foster, David R. Young, Dolly Wilmot, Lillian Clifford, Marie Helena, Helen Moore and Anna Kirk.

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AMUSEMENTS

"THE ONLY GIRL."

"The Only Girl," the new musical comedy which Joe Weber will present at the Masonic theatre on Wednesday night, Dec. 13, is to a certain extent a new type of this popular theatrical fare. In writing the book, Henry Blosson, librettist, has provided what might be termed "a real comedy"

which might stand alone without its lyrics which are admittedly of a higher order than usually allotted, and the brilliant score which has been added by Victor Herbert. Not in a long time has this composer been quite so happy in providing tuneful airs as he has in "The Only Girl." In offering this new musical play, Manager Joe Weber engaged a cast which, while there was an absence of so-called "stars," comprised a company that proved notable for its "team work." Among them are Grace Kennicott, Arthur Berckley, Esther Jar-

rett, Tom Burton, Helen Barnett Ford, John Chandler, Ellen Crane, Ernest Wood, Lydia Crane, Dave Young and Meade Foster. There will be a chorus of pretty girls and an augmented orchestra.

Strangers get your social rating from your calling cards. See the line of engraved cards for men and women at the Daily office. We keep up with the styles.

B. G. LADY HAS CHARGE OF HOME DRY CLEANERS.

B. G. Lady now has charge of the dry cleaning department of the Home Steam Laundry and Dry Cleaners, J. P. Mayer having resigned to go into business for himself. The dry cleaning department will maintain its high standard. Patrons desiring service have only to phone Albany 49.

The wedding season is here. Buy your engraved wedding invitations printed or engraved. The Daily.

Two Thousand Heard Bryan at Huntsville

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 12.—(Special) Two thousand persons crowded the Elks' theatre here this afternoon to hear William Jennings Bryan deliver his lecture, "The Making of a Man." The occasion was really an ovation to the Commoner, who was extended many personal courtesies. The stores closed during the hour of the lecture. Mr. Bryan left by automobile for Decatur, where he will take the 4 o'clock train for Birmingham.

Chihuahua at Mercy of Villa and Bandits

(International News Service.) El Paso, Dec. 12.—Chihuahua City, cut off from communication today, was at the mercy of Pancho Villa and his bandit hordes, and the lines are cut in two places between Chihuahua and Santa Rosalia, while the Villistas, estimated at 10,000 in number are again moving in the direction of the capital. The exodus from the capital continues.

The Aristocrat's Duty.

To subdue fear, desire, and jealousy, is the aristocrat's personal affair, it is his ritual and discipline, like a knight watching his arms; but the destruction of division and prejudice and all their forms and establishments, is his real task, that is the common work of knighthood. It is a task to be done in a thousand ways; one man working by persuasion, another by example, this one overthrowing some crippling restraint upon the freedom of speech and the spread of knowledge and that preparing himself for a war that will shatter a tyrannous presumption. Most imaginative literature, all scientific investigation, all sound criticism, all good building, all good manufacture, all sound politics, every honesty and every reasoned kindness contribute to this release of men from the heat and confusions of our present world.—H. G. Wells.

Powerful Effects of Music.

Experiments on dogs showed that music was capable of increasing the elimination of carbonic acid and of increasing the consumption of oxygen. It was also found that music increased the functional activity of the skin. In view of these powerful effects of musical vibrations upon the nervous system, it is easy to understand how savages and animals, with their habit of quick response to external stimuli, are acted upon by certain kinds of music.

GERMAN RAIDER IS OFF FLORIDA COAST

(International News Service.) Savannah, Dec. 12.—A local wireless operator last night caught a message from the British steamer La Blanca to the British station at Kingston, Jamaica, stating that she sighted on Sunday afternoon off the coast of Florida a German cruiser raider. The message warned all allied shipping against the raider.

U. S. Transport Goes Ashore in Dense Fog

(International News Service.) New York, Dec. 12.—The United States transport Summer, bringing troops from the canal zone to New York, went ashore in a dense fog near Barnegat, N. J., early today, and is resting easy in the sand with several vessels standing by. It is not thought that the Summer or her passengers are in danger.

SMILE THAT IS WORTH WHILE

One That Comes From the Heart and Is Prompted by Genuine Good Feeling.

Did you ever try to "diagnose" a smile?

There are many kinds of smiles, and each carries a different meaning, but the only one worth a playmate is the one which comes straight from the heart and is prompted by genuine good feeling.

The man who never smiles is preferable to the one who smiles to cover up some sort of deviltry.

Such a fellow requires the closest kind of watching, and the less you have to do with him the better.

By the way, what has become of the good hearty laughers?

According to the ethics of society, outbursts of good spirits are taboo. A good laugh is classed as a "guffaw." But there are a lot of us who miss the man with the good laugh. Perhaps this at once designates us as belonging to the common herd, but we are willing to accept the classification and extend the hand of good fellowship to the man who knows how to laugh spontaneously and from the heart, and does so when he feels like it.

BIBLE MIRACLE QUITE CLEAR

This Bright Brooklyn Boy Understood Deep Mystery of the Burning Bush.

An eager young teacher was reviewing the Sunday school lesson in a mission church in Brooklyn. The subject was Moses and the bush that burned without being consumed. The boys of ten and twelve had been greatly interested in the story, and were now eager to expose their knowledge. Answers followed her question with the rapidity of a machine gun.

"Now, Harry, it's your turn."

"Yessum," was the confident answer.

"Tell me what there was about this burning bush that was different from any bushes that have burned since."

The boy knew—you could tell from the snapping of his eyes—but he paused to formulate his words. "Why, ma'am, you see this here bush it burned up—but it didn't burn down!" The teacher could not have explained it better herself.—Youth's Companion.

Calling Cards—The last word in correct stationery can be obtained from the Daily. Look our line over.

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We are something more than Bankers—something more, than just a safe place to store your money—something more than a pass-book, check or vault.

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A few more women's shoes. Buy a pair for \$1.00 and get a pair FREE. A lot of childrens' shoes, buy a pair for 30c and get a pair free. Men's Overcoats at almost your own price. Ladies' Coats at much less than their value. Outings at wholesale prices. Bleaching at wholesale prices. 4-4 Brown Sheeting at wholesale prices. Childrens' hose worth 10cts pair, 3 pairs for 10cts. Mens' collars of the best makes, worth 15cts. 3 collars for 25cts.

A few Beds worth \$5 and \$6 at \$1.50. A bunch of wood stoves worth \$4 and \$5 at any hardware store, at \$1.50. This is no skin game Come and see. Flour worth \$9.50 to \$10.50 at \$8.80 per barrel. Sugar granulated 13lbs and then some for \$1.00. A quantity of damaged sugar 33½lbs for one dollar.

Our toy department can't be beat. Dolls that say mama, and many other things equal to

this. Don't you buy elsewhere. Why? Because the boys must have fire works and you must spend the money.

And we are going to help you, so when you buy Toys, or any thing in the Big Bargain Store to the amount \$10.00 you get \$1.00 worth of fire works free.

New Goods Coming in Daily

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Manufactured from SELECTED WINTER WHEAT OF BEST QUALITY

He judges by flavor.

A man bases his opinion of baking on its taste. Make some biscuits of Valier's Dainty Flour and hear him say, "Finest biscuits I ever ate."

Valier's Dainty Flour is made of finest flavored wheats milled by a special slow process, which saves all of the fine flavor; then sifted through silk to make its texture extra fine. It is quality flour and gives quality results in baking. Have your grocer send you Valier's Dainty next time you need flour.

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All calls for Home Dry Cleaning Co., will be received promptly if you call
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Home Laundry & Dry Cleaners

"We Know How to Clean"

"THE SERENADE" PROVES MOST DELIGHTFUL SHOW OF SEASON

Unexcelled Cast Sang Their Way Into Hearts Of Local Theatre Goers Again Last Night

It will be a long, long time before local theatregoers will have the pleasure of witnessing such a production as "The Serenade," last night's offering at the Masonic theatre. There are two reasons for this—the attendance indicated a lack of appreciation of meritorious musical productions; no other organization can equal the one that Walker & Stevens have sent here for two consecutive seasons. As to whether "The Serenade," Victor Herbert's justly famed light opera, is the superior of De Koven's "Robin Hood," there is room for disagreement. There can be no division of opinion as to the wonderful cast which sang here last night and a year ago.

With all due deference to the singing of Henry Waterous, whose resonant tones are superb; and with equal deference to Miss Ivy Scott, whose clear soprano is a continual delight, it must be admitted that Miss Ivy

Scott won the biggest place in the hearts of the audience last night with her charming contralto voice and her winsome personality. Fifty pounds of additional avoidupois and five inches more of chest expansion would force Miss Scott into the Metropolitan. Her notes are perfect. James Stevens, as Alvarado, is a most pleasing artist and an incomparable actor, while Ralph Brainard, the tenor with the baritone voice, sings with unusual sweetness. The entire cast deserves the highest praise. From the histrionic standpoint alone, David Andrade as the Duke of Santa Cruz, is the individual star, his flawless acting winning the sincerest admiration.

A well trained, good looking chorus and a special orchestra gave excellent support to the singers.

It is a matter of regret that the audience was not so large as enthusiastic.

GERMANY PROPOSES PEACE!

(Continued from Page One.)

EMPEROR WILLIAM TELLS TROOPS OF PEACE MOVE.
(International News Service.)

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Emperor William today sent the following general proclamation to his troops in the field: "Soldiers!—In agreement with my allies and their sovereign and with the consciousness of victory, I have made a peace offer to the enemy. Whether it will be accepted is still uncertain, and until that moment you will fight on."

Bull Moose Want Election Money Probe

Democrats Fall Down on Job So the Progressives Take It Up.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Progressive and republican senators made plans today to force a congressional investigation of campaign expenditures preceding the last election and put "teeth" in the corrupt practices bill.

Steps in this direction were taken after it had become apparent democratic leaders had abandoned their avowed intention of pushing a resolution creating a probing committee to inquire into the expenditures of both parties during the last campaign.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Theford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble."

Ten years ago a friend told me to try Theford's Black-Draught, which I did, and I found it to be the best family medicine for young and old.

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Theford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

It has been in constant use for more than 70 years, and has benefited more than a million people.

Your druggist sells and recommends Black-Draught. Price only 25c. Get package to-day.

No. 666

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 2¢

GERMANY'S MOVE COMES

AFTER 2 YEARS OF WAR.
(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's first move for peace came two years and 133 days after her declaration of war on Russia and two years and 129 days after England's declaration of war upon Germany.

GERMANS CAPTURE TWO POINTS OF IMPORTANCE

(International News Service.)
Berlin, Dec. 12.—Looking forward toward Moldavia, Von Mackensen's Austro-German troops have captured Uriazi and Mladiv, the war office announced.

U.S. MARKETS SHOT TO PIECES BY NEWS OF PEACE MOVE

GRAIN AND COTTON MARKETS PARTICULARLY FEEL EFFECTS OF PROPOSALS.

(International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 12.—News that Germany has made definite proposals for peace hit every market in the United States hard today. In the stock, grain and cotton markets general declines were in evidence, accompanied in some instances by stampeded selling.

This was particularly true of the New York stock exchange and the Chicago board of trade. Starting gradually in the stock exchange the selling pressure steadily grew unusual.

Stock, notably steel, copper and munitions, led the decline. Bethlehem and Gulf States dropped ten points within an hour. Other declines of two to four points were general.

Toward mid-day there was a general settling of the market, with the excitement subsiding a firmer tone developed and there were small rallies. None of the rallies approached recovery, however.

CHAPTER TO MEET.

Decatur Chapter, No. 38, R. A. M., will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in special convocation to confer the Mark Master's degree. All Mark Masters are cordially invited.

Christmas Gift Stationery

Our line is very complete in box paper, all colors and designs, the very latest in stationery you will find at our store. Also correspondence Cards of the very latest styles, all colors, all designs, all prices.

It will pay you to inspect our line of gift paper and cards before purchasing, as here you will find your wants as well as quality and prices right.

Xmas Cards, Seals, Tags, Post Cards and Stickers of every description.

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NOTICE!

The Central National Bank's Christmas Savings Club Checks

in payment for 1916 club will be mailed December 20th. Leave your pass book at Bank immediately. Why not open a permanent savings account with your club check?

1917 Club Begins

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1916

You are invited to enroll and get enough money to pay your expenses next Christmas

By Making Small Deposits Weekly

CLASSES are organized to save amounts from \$12.50 up to \$63.75. You can become a member of one or more classes, or take one or more memberships in the same class.

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Do Your Xmas Shopping at Home

HONEST TO GOODNESS

Old Santa certainly does spread some Happiness when he selects his Gifts from "The Fashion," and especially when its FURS, FURS, FURS—Red Fox, Black Fox, White Fox, Hutson Seal. Those new Margaret Clark Collarettes, made Beaver, are not only the latest things in Furs, but decidedly fetching. The Tiny Melon Muffs of Beaver are also quite the rage now.

THE FASHION

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